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Oppose H.B. 6335: AN ACT CONCERNING A RISK PROTECTION ORDERS OR WARRANTS

Support AN ACT PERMITTING PERSONS TO PROTECT THEMSELVES USING NONLETHAL DEFENSIVE IMPLEMENTS

Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I strongly urge you to **oppose H.B. 6335**. This bill completely shreds the very concept of due process guaranteed by the 14th Amendment. It eliminates an independent investigation, shifts the burden of proof on the accused, and makes it far more difficult for the accused to recover their lawfully owned property.

Connecticut has had an ERPO process for over 20 years, and now for some reason despite any supporting evidence, this bill seeks to dramatically reduce the application of due process. It is clear, that this bill's goal is to expand the existing ERPO process beyond reasonable measures to intervene when someone truly presents a threat, and instead allow the malicious targeting of lawful gun owners. This is evidenced by the glaring absence of any repercussion for the complainant in filing a false or misleading warrant. When was the last time you heard of a charge of perjury in Connecticut?

I hope that you will **support H.B. 6491** AN ACT PERMITTING PERSONS TO PROTECT THEMSELVES USING NONLETHAL DEFENSIVE IMPLEMENTS to allow Connecticut residents more options in self-defense as guaranteed by the 2nd Amendment and upheld in the recent *Caetano v. Massachusetts*.

Thank you for your time.

Best regards,

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